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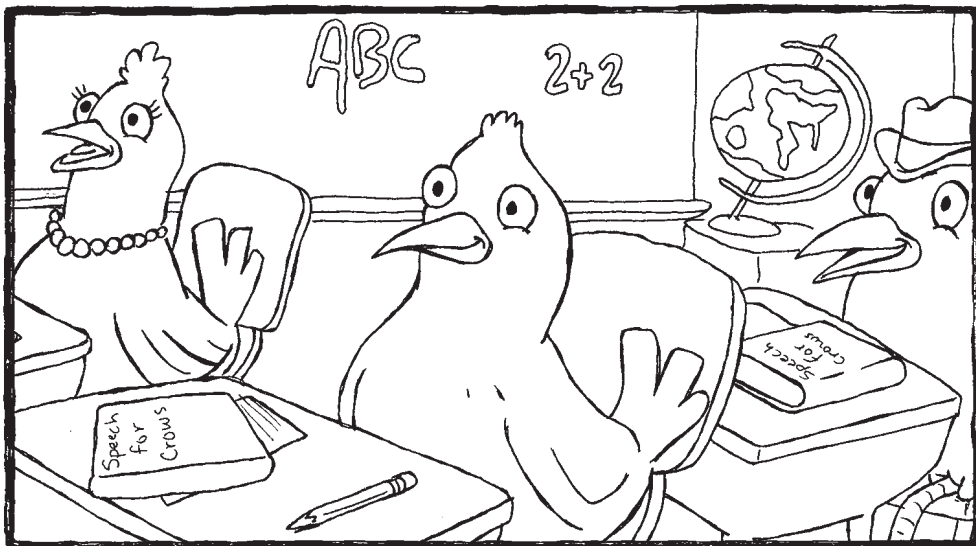


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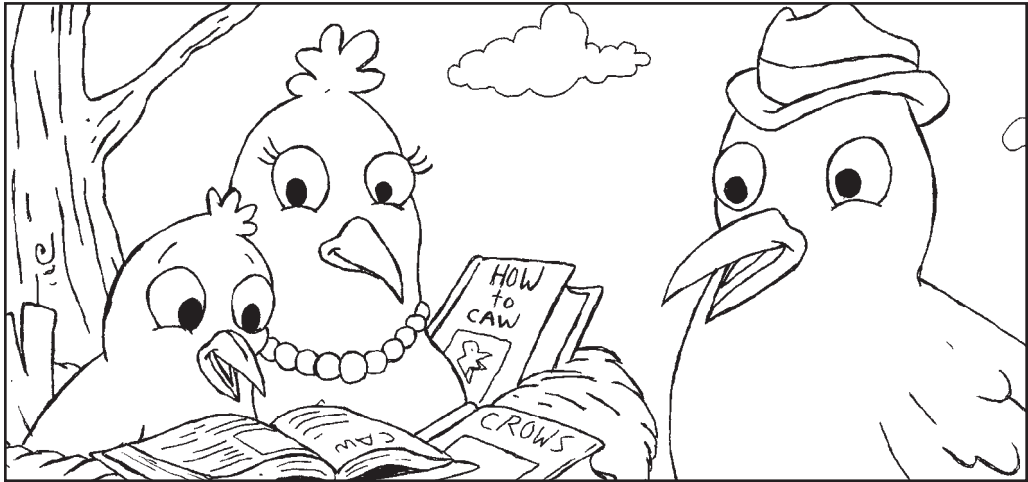
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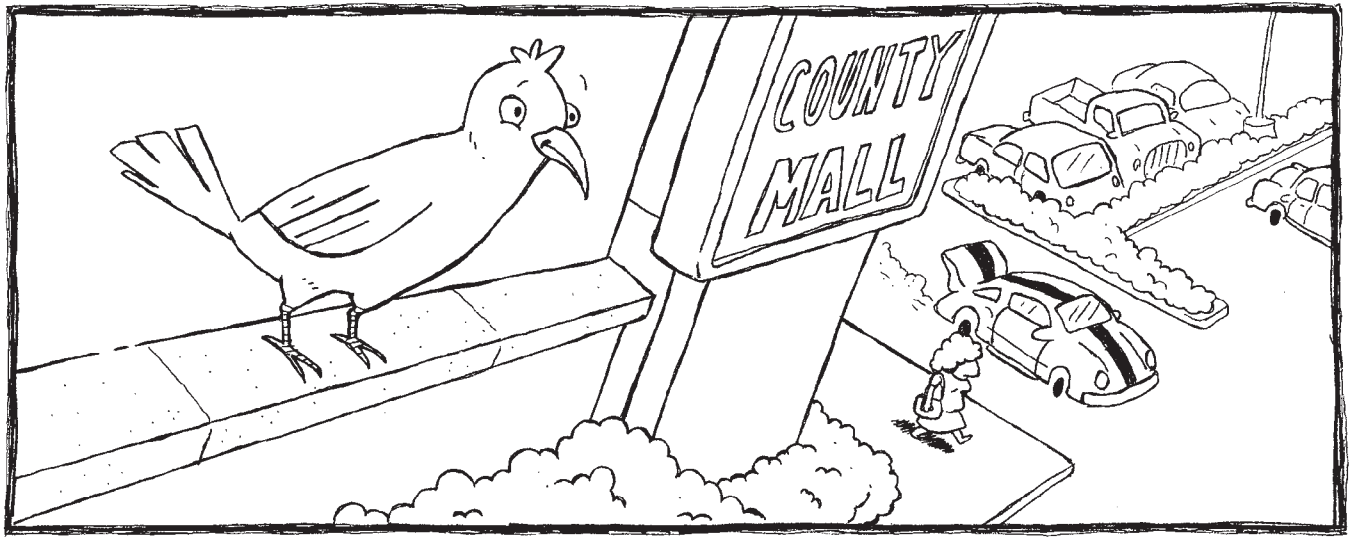


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ELEMENTS USED IN THIS BOOK	
New phonic element	Variant vowel /ōō/
Reviewed phonic elements	vowel digraphs; variant vowel /ōō/
Story word	problem
Review story word	night
New high-frequency words	open(ed), school, until
Special considerations	inflectional endings -ed, -er, -ing, -s

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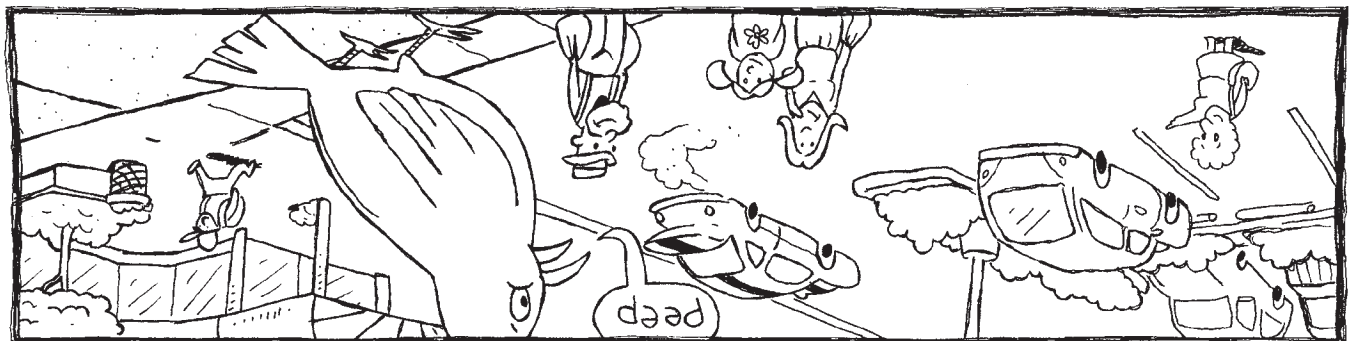


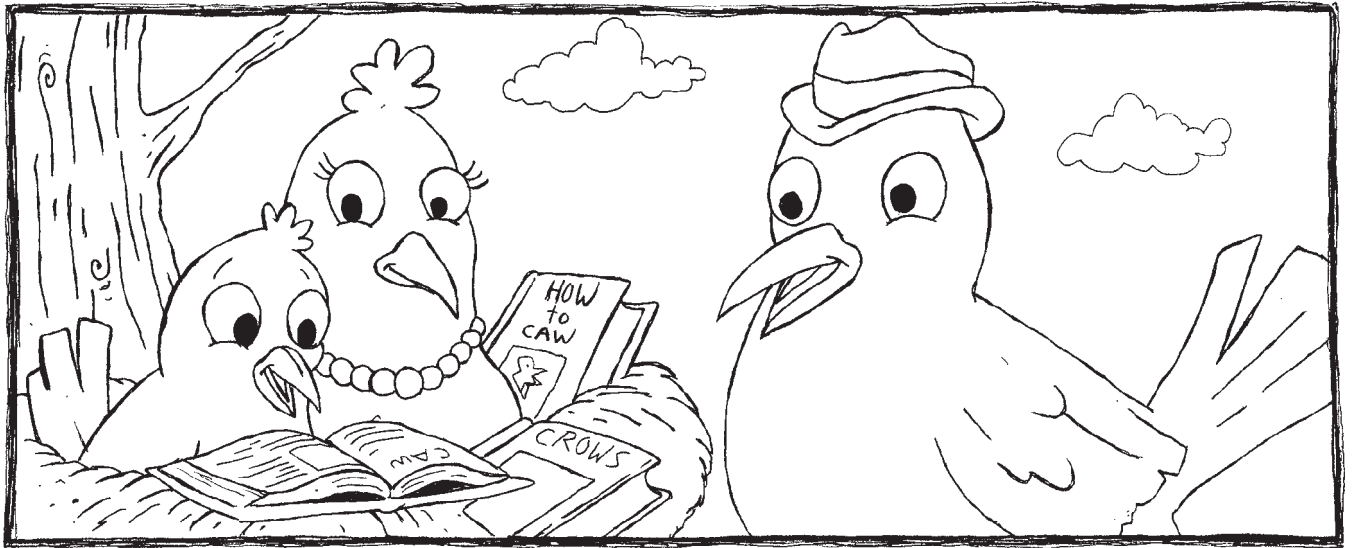
Joe Crow sat on a tall wall by the mall.
 He opened his beak to caw,
 but he could not caw.
 He just peeped.

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All who walked by looked at Joe.
 They smiled.
 "That crow has a flaw," they said.
 "He does not know how to caw."
 Joe Crow felt so bad he wanted
 to bawl.



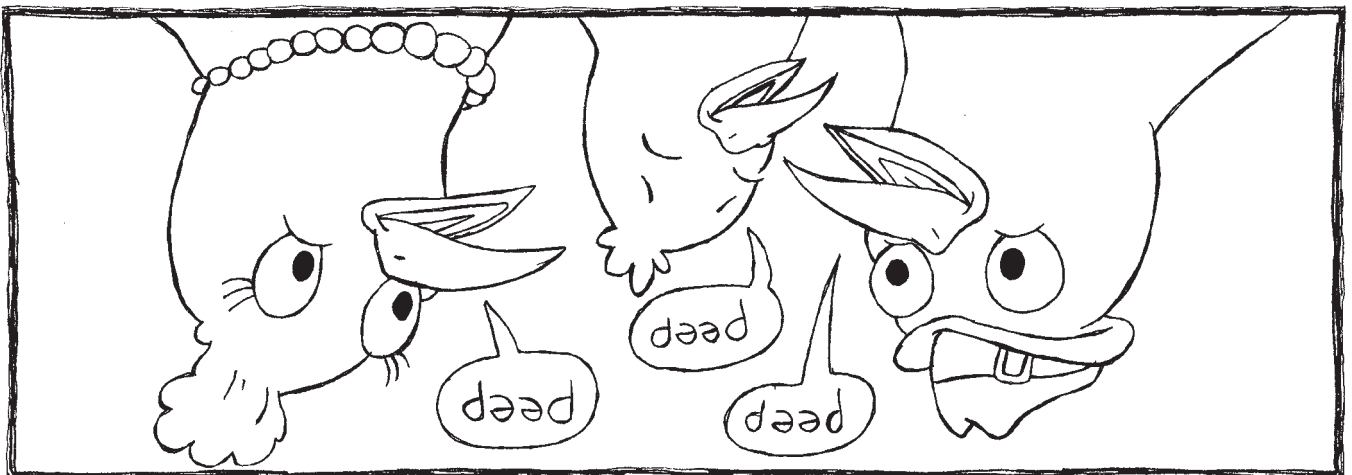


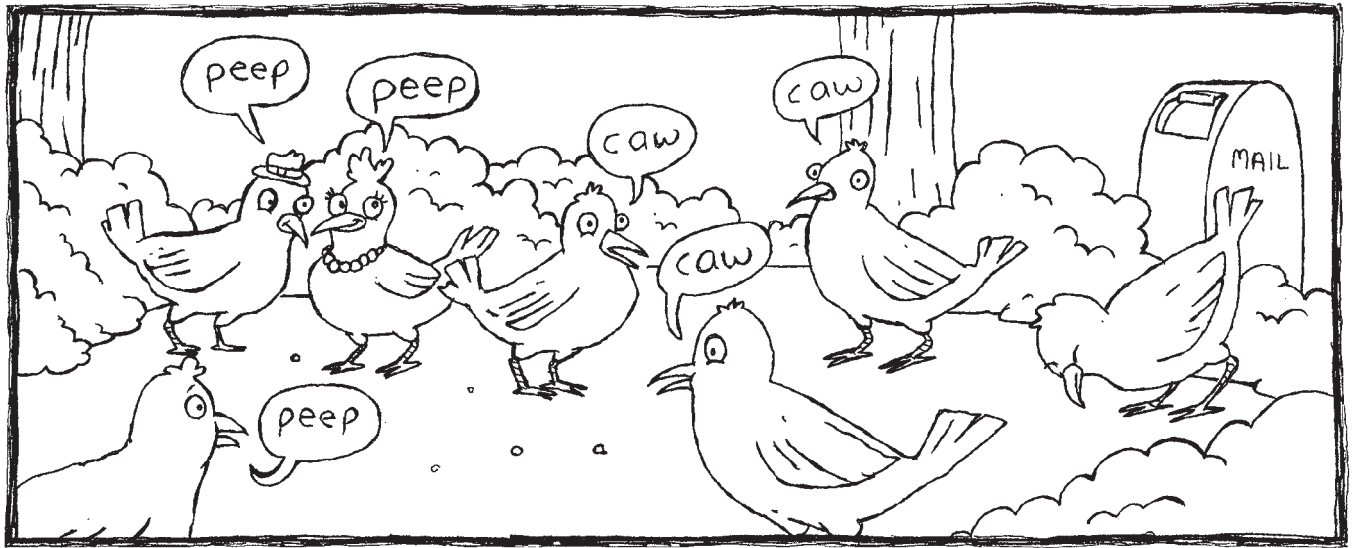
"It is not my fault I cannot caw,"
 thought Joe Crow.
 "Maw and Paw have not taught me
 how to caw."

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In fact, that was the problem.
 Joe's paw and maw were peeping crows, too.
 They did not know how to teach him.
 They were never taught how to caw
 by their maw and paw.

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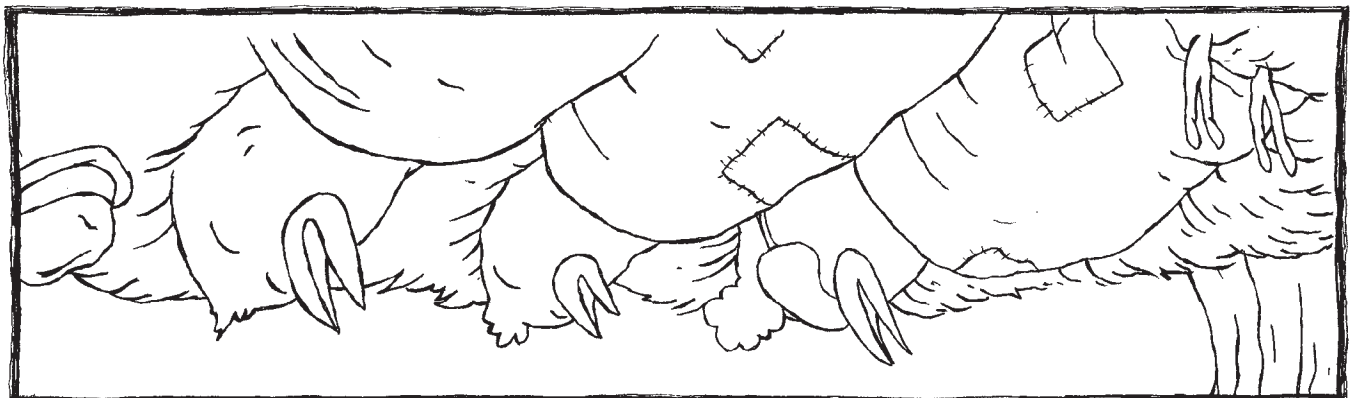


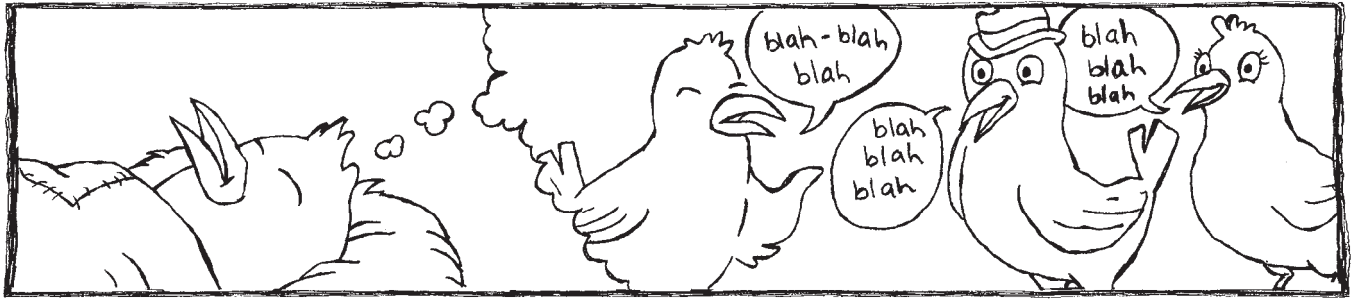
At dawn each day, all the crows sat on
the lawn to caw.
Joe and his maw and paw came, too.
But all the crows made fun of them.

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Joe Crow sought help, but no one
taught him and his maw and paw
how to caw.
So they all went home and got into
their beds of straw.
They peeped until they went to sleep.

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That night, Joe dreamed that
they were taught how to talk.
When the crows woke up, Joe told
his maw and paw about the dream.

"We could talk," he said.
"All the crows thought we were cool,
and they gawked at us."

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So Joe Crow and his maw and paw
went to school to be taught how to talk.
It was true they could not caw,
but it was much cooler to talk than to caw.

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